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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. EMBASSY PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT  
CARTER TO GENERAL ZIA. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED.

DEAR GENERAL ZIA: YOUR LETTER OF MAY 9 WAS VERY HELPFUL  
IN SHARPENING MY UNDERSTANDING OF PAKISTAN'S POSITION IN  
SOUTH ASIA. I HAVE ALSO PROFITED FROM THE VALUABLE IN-  
SIGHTS THAT AMBASSADOR HUMMEL HAS GAINED FROM HIS TALKS  
WITH YOU, AND THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAS ADDED FROM HIS  
MEETING WITH MR. AGHA SHAHI.

BOTH YOU AND I VIEW EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN WITH A SIMILAR  
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CONCERN FOR THE EFFECT THAT THEY MAY HAVE ON THE REGION'S  
SECURITY. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN WITH THE POLITICAL ANTECE-  
DENTS OF THE NEW AFGHAN LEADERS, AND AM EquALLY DISTURBED  
BY THEIR PAST STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE DURAND LINE. WE  
AGREE FULLY THAT SOVIET DOMINATION OF AFGHANISTAN WOULD BE  
A DEVELOPMENT OF GREAT SERIOUSNESS FOR SOUTH ASIA AND THE  
ENTIRE FREE WORLD. THOSE OF US WHO SHARE THIS VIEW MUST

COOPERATE CLOSELY OVER THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS.

WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES THAT MAY

ARISE. WE MUST BE CAREFUL TO AVOID ACTIONS WHICH COULD  
SEEMINGLY PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR THOSE WHO SEEK TO  
WORSEN THE SITUATION AND LIMIT THE GOVERNMENT'S CHANCES  
OF MAINTAINING INDEPENDENCE. WHEN FACED BY CHANGES THAT  
MAY INDEED BE OF A HISTORIC SCOPE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT  
WE ALL ACT WITH FORETHOUGHT AND DETERMINATION.

THE NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED ITS INTENTION TO  
REMAIN NON-ALIGNED. YOUR DECISION TO MAINTAIN CONTACT  
IN ORDER TO TEST ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE CONSTRUC-  
TIVE FOREIGN POLICIES IS A WISE ONE. I, TOO, INTEND TO  
PURSUE THIS COURSE AS A FIRST STEP, AND HOPE WE CAN WORK  
TOGETHER IN TRYING TO HOLD THE KABUL LEADERSHIP TO ITS  
PROMISE. GIVEN THESE SIMILARITIES IN OUR APPROACH, I  
WILL VALUE CONTINUED CLOSE CONTACT SO THAT WE CAN MOST  
CAREFULLY ASSESS WHAT THE NEXT STEPS SHOULD BE.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH I FEEL WE  
CAN BOTH PROFIT FROM A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. I  
KNOW THAT YOU TOO HAVE BEEN TROUBLED BY ISSUES WHICH  
HAVE ARisen BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SECRETARY VANCE  
HAS EXPLAINED TO MR. AGHA SHAHI THE REAL LEGAL AND POLI-

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TICAL HURDLES PLACED IN OUR WAY BY PAKISTAN'S PLANS TO  
ACQUIRE A REPROCESSING PLANT. WHILE RECOGNIZING THESE  
DIFFICULTIES, I URGE THAT WE BOTH KEEP CLEAR IN OUR  
MINDS THE LONG-RANGE INTERESTS AND CONCERNs WHICH UNDERLIE  
OUR RELATIONSHIP.

FOR MY PART, I SHARE THE CONVICTION BOTH OF MY PREDECES-  
SORS AND YOURS THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO EACH  
OF OUR NATIONS. WITH THIS LASTING PERSPECTIVE IN MIND,  
WE WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS  
THAT STAND BETWEEN US, AND BUILD UPON THE FUNDAMENTAL  
CONSENSUS THAT BINDS US. I AM DETERMINED TO DO EVERY-  
THING WITHIN MY POWER TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING OUR HIS-  
TORIC RELATIONSHIP OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP.

I BELIEVE, AS YOU DO, THAT A PERSONAL MEETING WOULD BE  
HELPFUL. IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY FRUITFUL AFTER WE ASSESS  
THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND MR.  
AGHA SHAHI, AND AFTER WE HAVE SOME CLEARER KNOWLEDGE OF  
THE ATTITUDE OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN.

IN THE MEANTIME, I SUGGEST THAT WE KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGH

AMBASSADOR HUMMEL AND, AS NEEDED, THROUGH DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE. ONCE AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS WITH ME; I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. VANCE

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